

VISION 21 IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES - November 15, 2007
(Approved January 10, 2008)

Members Present: Austin Bliss, Joseph Crugnale, Vincent DeNovellis, Sara Oaklander, Jennifer Page, Kirk Hazlett, Alfred Rubin, Delores Keefe.

Members Absent: Ann Rittenburg, Paul Santos, Paul Solomon, Jay Szklut

Also attending: Delores Keefe

1. Administivia

* Chairperson, Kirk Hazlett, convened meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Following a review of the October 18th minutes and inclusion of the changes and omissions as highlighted by Jennifer Page: i.e. item 4, exclude verbiage (shame-faced & utterly) and inclusion of Laurie ?Graham?name; the minutes were thereafter unanimously approved.

* Proposed ?Strategic Planning Meeting - Sara Oaklander? suggested week-end retreat with a trainer/facilitator to address/explore, identify and possibly redefine the Vision Committee? role; identifying action steps to achieve a more viable and dynamic focused/resolve.

* The forestated generated extensive interaction. This free flow highlighted a myriad of concerns, e.g., Is this committee still a relevant and viable entity; Are our expectations in sync with reality; Is ownership of the Vision and its daily applicability...an ongoing phenomenon; Is the Vision? ownership a universal community initiative or is it a narrowly focused entity. What is the role and degree of commitment of Town employees in the overall scheme? Does the committee need to be restructured. The thoughts/ideas generated, highlighted concerns that need to be addressed. What has changed can greatly impact direction. Is education and training a viable alternative?

Sara Oaklander has suggested the utilization of a professional trainer/facilitator in a weekend retreat atmosphere to address the concerns. She is currently in contact with a Belmontian Julia Santiago. Ms. Santiago is associated with Interaction Institute for Social Change.

2. Old Business

* Committee Membership - There are committee members who are unable to participate. Kirk has agreed to follow up.

* Meet Belmont - Jennifer Page circulated the "exhibitors" survey that Laurie Graham sent out to exhibitors. The event as scheduled met current expectations. The feedback anecdotes conveyed that it was a well coordinated and successful community event.

In the main, the feedback comments and suggestions reflected in the exhibitor survey were positive, constructive and supportive.

* The issue of the utilization of former VIC committee members in a variety of functions briefly surfaced. No definitive posture concerning this avenue materialized. It appeared that further assessment of the process as a viable alternative was warranted.

* Newcomer Activity - Information guide to Belmont - needs to be upgraded. Production, printing source and cost factors were concerns surfaced.

3. New and other business:

* Please note 2008, scheduled meetings.

- December 13th, 7:00 P.M. (Next regular VIC Implementation Committee meeting).

4. Adjourn

The November 15, 2007, meeting of the Belmont "Vision Implementation Committee" adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted

Vincent De Novellis, Secretary Pro Tempore